

SENATE RESOLUTION 124  
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Darian DeWayne  
Tillman of Nashville.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Darian DeWayne Tillman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tillman was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his community and his family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tillman was born on August 30, 1977 to proud parents, Sandra L. Holbert Tillman and Edward L. Tillman, Jr. in Nashville, Tennessee. One of five siblings, he was preceded in death by his brother, Reginald Tillman; and

WHEREAS, after he graduated from Maplewood High School in 1995, Mr. Tillman entered the United States Air Force on August 3 of that year.

WHEREAS, after performing basic and technical training in San Antonio and Wichita Falls, Texas, he was assigned to Spangdahlem Air Force Base, Germany. While stationed in Europe he traveled to Spain, France, and England; and

WHEREAS, when Mr. Tillman returned to the United States, he began his exemplary career by working first at Opryland and then at The Tennessean; he was proudly serving as an intern for Tennessee State Senator Thelma Harper, along with Senator Harper's Administrative Assistant, Rebecca Paisley, and another intern, Elizabeth McGee, at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Darian DeWayne Tillman was an active and devout member of the Mount Bethel Baptist Church, being baptized there when he was a mere 10 years old; and

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WHEREAS, although a young man, Darian was not ashamed of his love for God. He sang in the Young Adult Choir and was very active in Sunday school, Bible study , and the Young Adult ministry; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Mr. Tillman leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tillman's memory is kept alive in the hearts of those who knew and loved him, including: his mother, Sandra Holbert Tillman; father, Edward Tillman, Jr.; two brothers, Calvin and wife, (Monique) and Rickey and wife, (Tammy); one sister, Tara; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tillman, Sr.; five aunts, Johnnie P. Beaird, Sandra Corley, Hannah Rutherford, Lesa Jackson and Reita Bass; two uncles, James Rutherford and Aaron Jackson; three nephews, Torrance, Reggie and Darcell; three nieces, Kenyatta, LaQuinta and Destiny; cousins, Tina, Donna, Wayne, Timothy, Joyce and Charles Smith, Mia, Jamika and Jessica; dear friends, Lieutenant Colonel Larry and Pat Letcher and son, Cameron, Edgar and Betty McFadden, San Antonio, Texas; special friend, Tiesha R. Smalls, Spangdahlem Air Force Base, Germany; Dr. Thomas Johnson and the staff of Brooke Army Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas; the staff Vanderbilt Hospital 11 North, and a host of other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Darian was loved by all who knew him, both young and old. His caring nature and sweet disposition will be missed by all. His strength and determination during his illness was an inspiration and a source of strength to all with whom he came in contact; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Darian DeWayne Tillman, remembering with admiration his strong character and his many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Darian DeWayne Tillman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.